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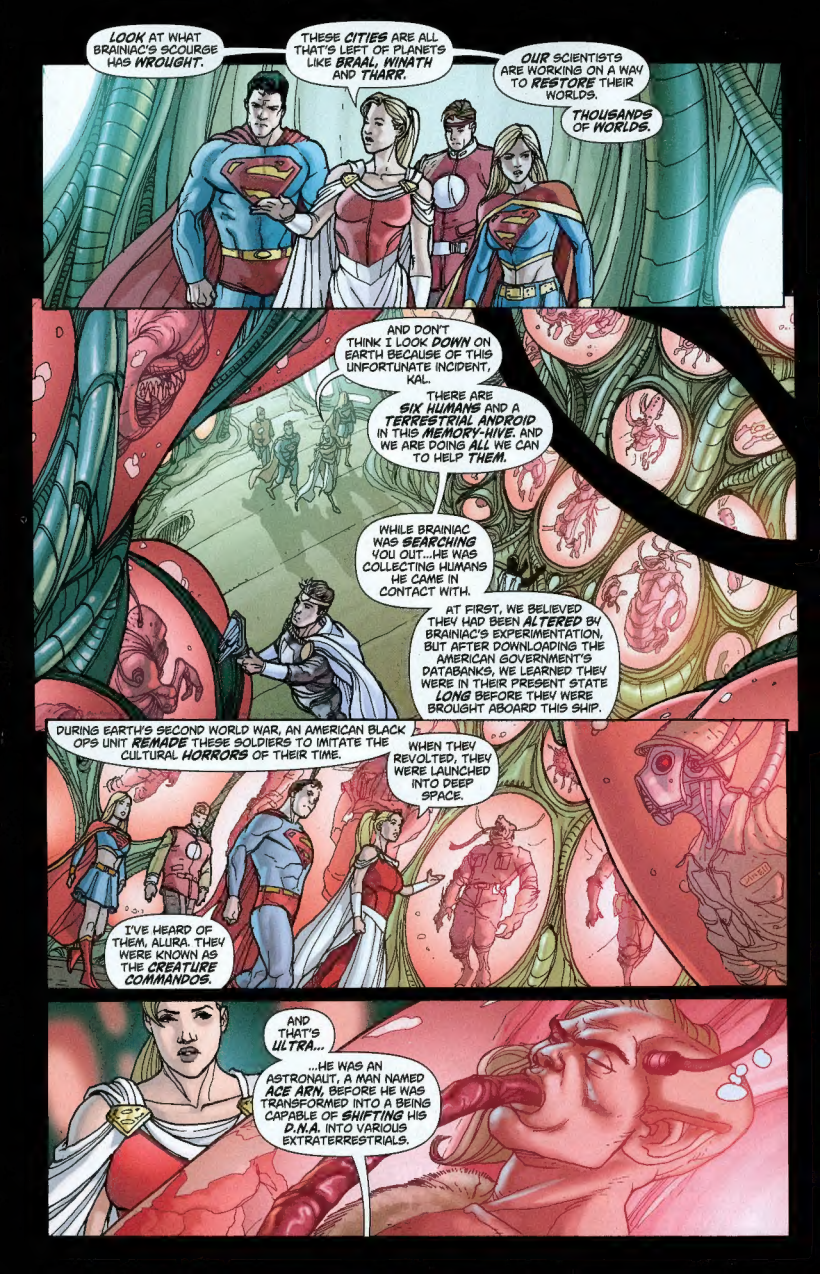
THE ARCTIC.
KANDOR.
WE DID WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS BEST, KAL-EL. WE BANISHED "SUPERMAN'S" ENEMIES TO THE PHANTOM ZONE.
SEVEN POLICEMEN WERE MURDERED WHEN A GROUP OF KRYPTONIANS ATTACKED STRYKER'S ISLAND AND ABDUCTED THE PARASITE, ALURA.
THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE TO EARTH--TO ME--AND SHOULD BE TO KANDOR.
I NEED TO KNOW THE NAMES OF THE ONES WHO KILLED THOSE MEN.
RIGHT NOW.
KAL'S RIGHT, MOTHER, IT WAS MURDER--
DON'T TAKE THAT TONE, KARA.
ENOUGH, ALURA. WE MADE EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS THAT NO ONE WAS TO BE HURT. THE MOMENT YOU KNEW, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD US.
KAL THINKS EARTH WILL EMBRACE US AS IT HAS HIM, ZOR...
"...BUT FROM WHAT WE'VE LEARNED, THERE ARE MANY HERE LIKE BRAINIAC.
"MANY WHO WISH HIM HARM. AND WHO WILL WISH US HARM."
GIVE ME NAMES, ALURA. BEFORE OTHERS NOT AS CALM AS ME COME HERE AND START DEMANDING THEM.
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.
AND THEY ARE NEEDED HERE. EVERY SINGLE KRYPTONIAN IS NEEDED.
DON'T YOU SEE WHAT KANDOR'S DESTINY TRULY IS? ANY OF YOU?


LOOK AT WHAT BRAINIAC'S SCOURGE HAS WROUGHT.
THESE CITIES ARE ALL THAT'S LEFT OF PLANETS LIKE BRAAL, WINATH AND THARR.
OUR SCIENTISTS ARE WORKING ON A WAY TO RESTORE THEIR WORLDS.
THOUSANDS OF WORLDS.
AND DON'T THINK I LOOK DOWN ON EARTH BECAUSE OF THIS UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT, KAL.
THERE ARE SIX HUMANS AND A TERRESTRIAL ANDROID IN THIS MEMORY-HIVE. AND WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN TO HELP THEM.
WHILE BRAINIAC WAS SEARCHING YOU OUT...HE WAS COLLECTING HUMANS HE CAME IN CONTACT WITH.
AT FIRST, WE BELIEVED THEY HAD BEEN ALTERED BY BRAINIAC'S EXPERIMENTATION, BUT AFTER DOWNLOADING THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S DATABANKS, WE LEARNED THEY WERE IN THEIR PRESENT STATE LONG BEFORE THEY WERE BROUGHT ABOARD THIS SHIP.
DURING EARTH'S SECOND WORLD WAR, AN AMERICAN BLACK OPS UNIT REMADE THESE SOLDIERS TO IMITATE THE CULTURAL HORRORS OF THEIR TIME.
WHEN THEY REVOLTED, THEY WERE LAUNCHED INTO DEEP SPACE.
I'VE HEARD OF THEM, ALURA. THEY WERE KNOWN AS THE CREATURE COMMANDOS.
AND THAT'S ULTRA...
...HE WAS AN ASTRONAUT, A MAN NAMED ACE ARN, BEFORE HE WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A BEING CAPABLE OF SHIFTING HIS D.N.A. INTO VARIOUS EXTRATERRESTRIALS.

LET THEM OUT.
I WOULD IF I COULD, KAL.
UNFORTUNATELY, WE STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO UNLOCK THE CASKETS WITHOUT TRIGGERING A SELF-DESTRUCT CODE LACED THROUGHOUT BRAINIAC'S SHIP.
"THE COLLIAN HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR, IF THE CITIES AND THESE HUMANS DO NOT BELONG TO HIM, THEY WILL NOT BELONG TO ANYBODY."
I KNOW HOW PEOPLE REACT WHEN KRYPTONIANS CROSS A LINE, FATHER.
IF WE DON'T MAKE IT CLEAR THAT HURTING THOSE POLICEMEN WASN'T OUR INTENTION--
--THEY'LL SAY WE'RE AS BAD AS GENERAL ZOD'S ARMY. AND THEY'LL COME AFTER US.
I UNDERSTAND, KARA. AND I'LL HELP YOUR MOTHER UNDERSTAND TOO. I PROMISE.
WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE IS IMPORTANT, AUNT ALURA.
BUT THERE HAVE TO BE LIMITS ON HOW FAR YOU GO TO GET THE JOB DONE.
YOU DIDN'T WATCH YOUR WORLD DIE.
OR SEE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY HAVE THEIR BRAINS SIPHONED OUT BY BRAINIAC'S ANDROIDS.
UNTIL WE'RE ABSOLUTELY SAFE, THERE CAN'T BE LIMITS.
I WON'T LET KRYPTON DIE.
YOU HAVE OTHER THINGS YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT...YOU'VE BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH THE DEATH OF YOUR HUMAN "FATHER."
IN FACT, IT APPEARS YOU MOURN HIM MORE THAN YOU CELEBRATE OUR ARRIVAL.
YOU KNOW WHO KILLED THOSE POLICEMEN.
FOR THE LAST TIME, WHO ARE THEY--

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"--AND WHERE ARE THEY?"
METROPOLIS.
YOU'RE CERTAIN SHE'LL FOLLOW THROUGH IF WE DELIVER, COMMANDER GOR?
SHE WILL. SHE KNOWS WHAT ZOD IS CAPABLE OF.
THE PROJECTOR WILL BE OURS WHEN WE ARE FINISHED.
"LOOK. UP IN THE SKY!"
IT DOESN'T HAVE THE SAME RING TO IT ANYMORE, DOES IT, RONNIE?
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I FEEL ALL WARM AND FUZZY INSIDE, CORBEN.
IS IT THE ROCK OR JUST WATCHING THESE PEOPLE SCREAM?
ENEMIES OF KAL-EL!
ALWAYS BEEN A BIT OF BOTH. REACTRON. ENJOY.
A GROUP OF UNTRAINED KRYPTONIANS KILLED DOOMSDAY.
WE'RE SOLDIERS.
THINK ABOUT THAT BEFORE MAKING ANOTHER MOVE.
WE HEAR YOU, KRYPTONIAN...
...AND WE SURRENDER.
YEAH...

"...TAKE US TO YOUR LEADER."
I MAY NOT LIKE ALIENS...
...BUT I DO FIND THEM FASCINATING.
ESPECIALLY YOU, BRAINIAC.
YOU'VE SPENT CENTURIES COLLECTING INFORMATION IN THE FORM OF LITTLE "BOTTLE CITIES." AND FOR WHAT?
TO EVOLVE YOURSELF INTO A BEING RELIANT ON HIS OWN BOTTLE.
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THAT BRAIN OF YOURS.
WITHOUT YOUR SPACECRAFT, YOUR PHYSICAL FORM IS ALREADY FAILING ITSELF. THE PROTEIN SLIME IN YOUR COCOON HAS DRIED UP.
YOUR MUSCLE MASS CONTINUES TO DECLINE.
IT IS THINKING.
KIK
IT IS ALWAYS THINKING.

YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO ACCESS MY MEMORY. YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO STEAL FROM ME.
I WILL NOT ALLOW MY KNOWLEDGE TO BE STOLEN, HUMAN.
YES. FROM WHAT I HEAR, THERE'S QUITE A BIT INSIDE THIS CRANIUM OF YOURS.
YOUR KNOWLEDGE IS USELESS TO MY CONTINUED EVOLUTION.
YOU ARE LIKE EVERY OTHER HUMAN I HAVE ENCOUNTERED.
I'M NOT LIKE EVERY OTHER HUMAN, BRAINIAC.
I AM LEX LUTHOR.
AND ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE A TRIFLE MORE BOOK SMART, YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT AS AMBITIOUS.
I CREATE MY OWN IDEAS. I BREATHE LIFE INTO ASPIRATION.
I AM THE GOD OF PROGRESS.
NO ONE IS A GOD TO ME, LEX LUTHOR.
YOU COLLECTED AND DESTROYED WORLDS.
YOU LIVE OFF THE IDEAS OF OTHERS.
YES. AND YET HERE.
ARE.
YOU.
AT MY MERCY...
KLAK
...AND MY CONTROL.

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ALURA, I KNOW YOU'RE AFRAID OF HOW KAL-EL'S ADOPTED WORLD IS GOING TO ASSIMILATE WITH US.
YOU WITH THEM, ZOR. THEY WERE HERE FIRST.
YES. AND WE WILL RESPECT THAT.
ALURA...
...WHY DO YOU REFUSE TO TURN THESE MURDERERS OVER TO KAL?
IF I DO THAT, ZOR, I TURN MYSELF OVER. I WAS THE ONE WHO GAVE THEM AUTHORIZATION TO KILL IF NECESSARY.
WHAT?
MOTHER...?
TELL ME THAT'S NOT TRUE.
ALURA.
IT'S COMMANDER GOR.

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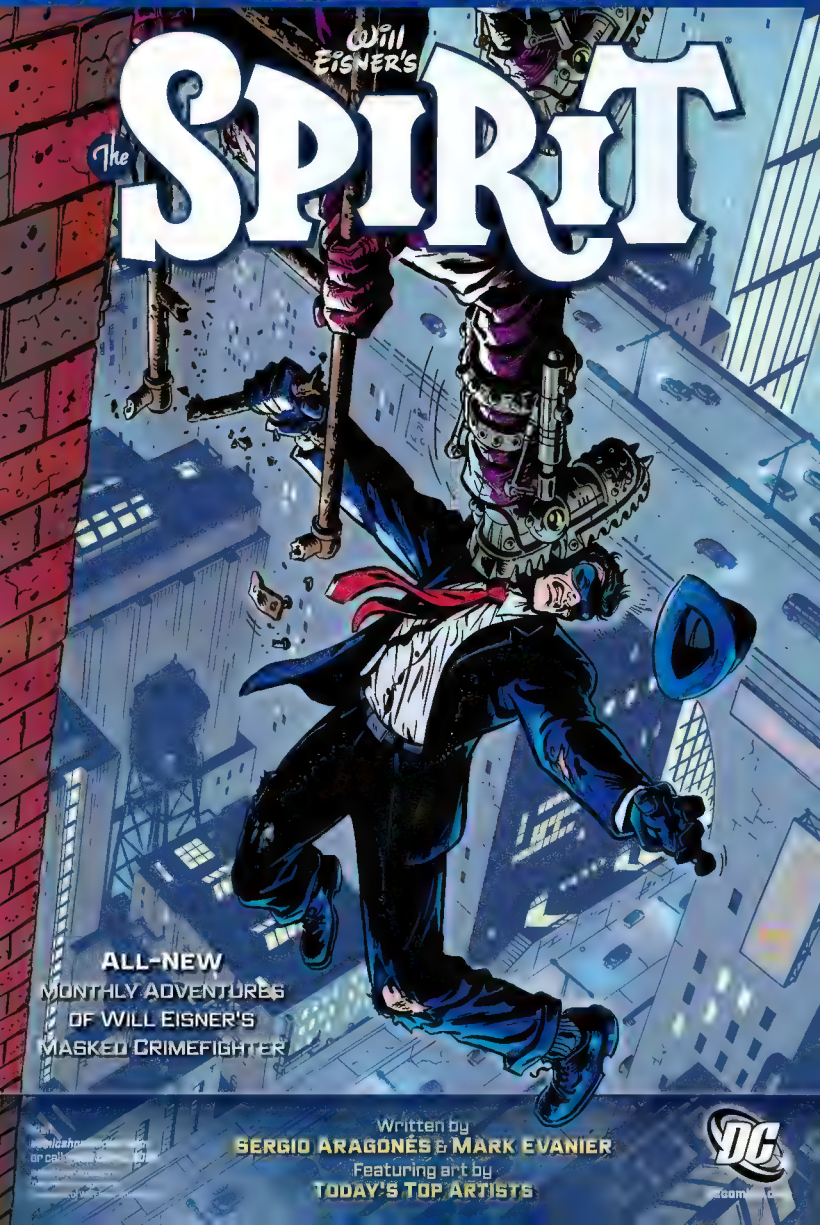

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WE HAVE MORE PRISONERS IN CUSTODY.
WE'RE HEADING TO THE COURT CHAMBER.
I'LL JOIN YOU MOMENTARILY.
THE PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR SHOULD BE ON-LINE.
NO, ALURA. I WON'T LET MY ENEMIES INTERACT WITH ZOD OR WORSE--MON-EL OR CHRIS.
HEY, LUTHOR.
GREEN LIGHT.
WE'RE IN.
KEK
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AND WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
DON'T WASTE YOUR BULLETS, LIEUTENANT SHRIEVE.
THAT'S SUPERMAN.
WHO'S SUPERMAN?
NURR?
THEY SMELL WRONG.
THEIR BLOOD, I MEAN.

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WHERE ARE WE? ANOTHER ALIEN WORLD?
WE'RE FROM A PLANET THAT WAS CALLED KRYPTON, BUT YOU'RE ON EARTH.
ALIENS AND HUMANS? THEN IT MUST BE THE FUTURE.
THIS IS THE FUTURE TO YOU AND YOUR SQUAD, LIEUTENANT--
--THOUGH IT'S THE PAST TO ME.
KEK
HEY, LIEUTENANT! J.A.K.E.'S ARMING. SOMETHING'S UP.
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DO YOU SEE, KAL?
WE HELPED FREE THEM.
I DON'T THINK YOU DID ANYTHING, ALURA...
KEK KAK KEK

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a Boy Becomes
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...I THINK SOMEONE ELSE TURNED THE POWER BACK ON.
KEK KEK KAK
LET'S HIT 'EM, COMMANDOS!

BOOOOM!!!
COMMANDER! THERE'S AN ATTACK ON BRAINIAC'S SHIP.
NOT AN ATTACK.
A DISTRACTION.
URRR
AAHHH!
YOU WERE RIGHT, CORBEN. THESE IDIOTS DIDN'T DO THEIR RESEARCH.
AND THEY COULDN'T SEE THROUGH OUR LEAD-LINED CHEST CAVITIES.
METALLO HAS MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF OVER THE YEARS.
IT'S MY TURN TO BE KNOWN.
URRR
TO BE FEARED.

I'M REACTRON.
THE MAN WITH THE GOLD KRYPTONITE HEART.
THE EGGHEAD WHO PUT THIS IN ME SAYS IT TAKES AWAY A KRYPTONIAN'S POWERS FOR FIFTEEN SECONDS. SOME MIGHT SAY "IS THAT IT?" BUT YOU ASK ME--
--GIVES ME PLENTY OF TIME TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS.
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DON'T LET THE POWER OF THE ROCK GO TO YOUR HEAD, REACTRON.
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE. MAKE THE BOSS HAPPY.
YOU'VE CONQUERED BRAINIAC, LUTHOR.
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.
AND WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO WITH DOOMSDAY?
HE'S DEAD.
WHANGG
KEK
DAD?!
I'M FINE, KARA.
WHERE'S YOUR MOTHER?
I SEE IT NOW, GENERAL.
I SEE...
...POTENTIAL.
THERE'S POTENTIAL ALL AROUND US, LUTHOR.

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"AND MORE COMING INTO THIS OPERATION EVERY DAY."
ALIEN VS. ALIEN. STORY OF MY LIFE.
NOT VERY EXCITING WITHOUT BLOOD, IS IT, SHRIEVE?
JUST SPILL WHAT YOU CAN, VELCR--
"NEW RECRUITS ARE BEING DRAFTED AS WE SPEAK."
BATMAN'S NOT ANSWERING IT.
HE WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH WHAT'S INFECTED GOTHAM... AND BEYOND.
AND WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP FLYING.
WHY?
"BECAUSE... WE BOTH HAVE A SECRET TO KEEP."
YOU CAN'T JUDGE EVERY HUMAN BECAUSE OF A FEW OF THEM.
THIS IS NO ACCIDENT, KAL. HUMANS DID THIS. YOUR ENEMIES--
AND THEY CAN'T JUDGE EVERY KRYPTONIAN BECAUSE OF YOU.
WE'RE NOT YOU. WE'LL NEVER BE YOU.

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THERE'S ONE OF THE "S" SHIRTS.
YEAH. MY FAVORITE ONE.
A POWERLESS SUPERGIRL'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF FUN.
HNNN!
...YOU MUST HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING ELSE SINCE YOU'VE BEEN IN CADMUS' LABS, TELEPATH.
WHERE WAS DOOMSDAY HELD BEFORE HE WAS RELEASED? AND WHO WAS IN CHARGE?
STAY AWAY FROM MY DAUGHTER--NNNN!
WE NEED YOUR HELP.
THESE KRYPTONIANS NEED TO ANSWER FOR MURDERING OUR COLLEAGUES.
SO YOU'RE SUPERGIRL'S OLD MAN, HUH?
BET YOU'VE DREAMED OF SEEING YOUR LITTLE GIRL GROW UP.

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SKRAAACT
ZOK!
SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE ABOUT KANDOR.
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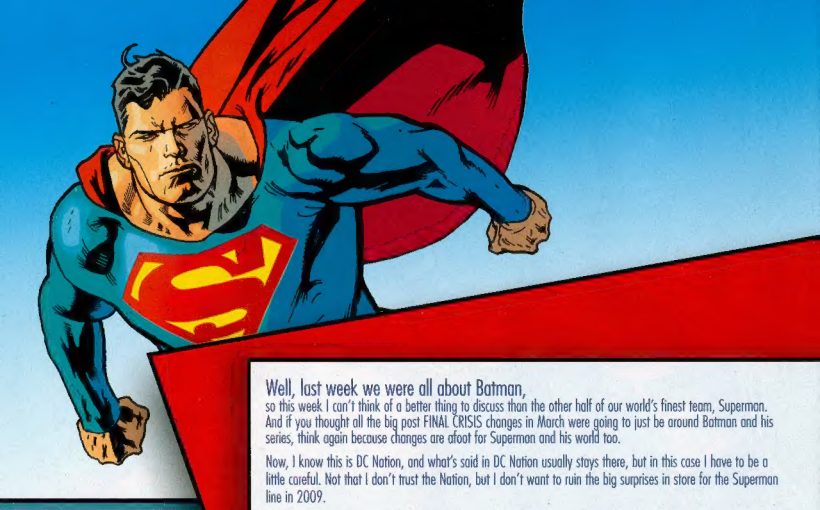

Well, last week we were all about Batman,
so this week I can't think of a better thing to discuss than the other half of our world's finest team, Superman. And if you thought all the big post FINAL CRISIS changes in March were going to just be around Batman and his series, think again because changes are afoot for Superman and his world too.

Now, I know this is DC Nation, and what's said in DC Nation usually stays there, but in this case I have to be a little careful. Not that I don't trust the Nation, but I don't want to ruin the big surprises in store for the Superman line in 2009.

Still, this is the DC Nation page, and I do have a solemn duty to spill something (what would you have to discuss at the water cooler Thursday if I didn't?). It's not like I like to spoil things, is it?

So, what can I tell you?

Well, let's see…

- I can tell you that there will be a new dynamic duo in Metropolis and they will be seeing a lot of Action in the months to come.
- I can mention that Superman will be leaving Earth for a while, leaving his title series in the hands of some of his closest friends.
- I can say there is a new Adventure in front of us, and some old friends will be back to celebrate.
- I can hint that the greatest super threat to a girl is a woman.
- I can remind you that New Krypton is more than a frame of mind but a new home for 100,001 Kryptonians.
- Lastly, I can finally announce that following INFINITE CRISIS, Superman's origin is secret no more and it will be the definitive spin from the incredible team of **Johns** and **Frank**.

There, I didn't give too much away. Did I? Cool. Now let's see if I can do more of the same next week when I touch on the many colors of the Lantern and a little thing we fondly call BLACKEST NIGHT.

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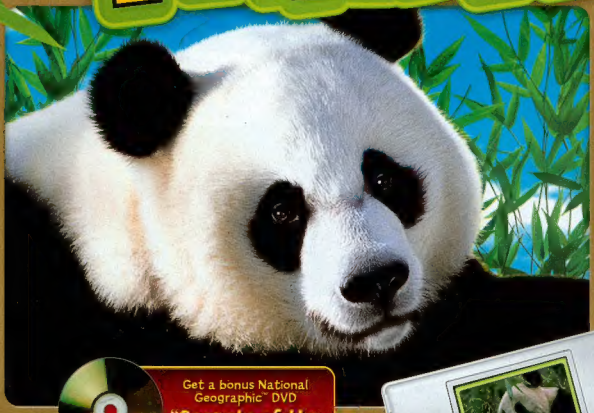

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SENT IN A ROCKET FROM THE REMAINS OF KRYPTON AS A TEENAGER, KARA WAS TRAPPED IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION BEFORE SHE ARRIVED ON EARTH YEARS AFTER HER COUSIN, SUPERMAN. NOW THE MOST POWERFUL GIRL ON THE PLANET, KARA FIGHTS FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND THE KRYPTONIAN WAY ALONGSIDE HER PARENTS, ZOR-EL AND ALURA AS..

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